

Ansonia Local Board of Education
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Mr. Daryl Riffle, President, called the Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Local Board of Education to order with the following members answering the roll call: Mr. Barga, Mr. Kammer, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Walters and Mrs. Wietholter. Student body representative Gavin Stachler was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Riffle.

25-010 APPROVAL OF THE REORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion by: Clarence Kammer, Second by: Ron Barga II to approve the minutes of the reorganizational meeting held Tuesday, January 14, 2025. Motion approved.

Yea: Mr. Barga, Mr. Kammer, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Walters and Mrs. Wietholter

Nay: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Gavin Stachler

- Winter sport seasons went well.
- Boys' bowling team went to state.
- Girls' and boys' basketball teams did well.
- Gavin qualified for districts in swimming.
- Girls' and boys' basketball update was given.
- FCCLA made cupcakes for Valentine's Day.

B. John Shives

- A. Would like to know what is going on with boys' basketball? Posts on Facebook about playing time being based on summer open gyms. Asher and Lander did not have issues with any of the coaches, but Lander did have issues with the former Mississinawa Valley coach that was hired while at Mississinawa Valley and that is why he did not play.
- B. Would like to see junior high baseball and softball back to the school. Ninety percent of the people did not like it being at Ansonia Youth League fields. He started the junior high baseball at Mississinawa and jumped through several hoops to start it. Wants to know if it is possible to bring it back.
- C. Cost of tickets for student admission to games. Feels cost is too high for the games for kids to attend. Said he would fire up his Blackstone and sell food to help pay for students passes.

C. Charlie Prasuhn

- Acknowledged Mrs. Bohman and the AG Power Diagnostic Team of Nick Barga and Troy Stuck. This team placed first at the district competition.

D. Nate Midlam

- Might be looking at new baseball field and was interested if it was a done deal or still under consideration.
- What is the purpose of moving the baseball field and flip-flopping with the football practice field?
- Mr. Riffle explained the logic of possibly moving the fields and stated nothing is finalized at this time and it is still under consideration.

E. Ron Barga

- Stated he would like to see the capital money be used to upgrade or re-invest the funds in the school district.

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- He asked Charlie Prasuhn how the capital funds should be spent?
- Asked why Charlie feels the operating levy should or should not be passed? Charlie stated he has not made up his mind on the levy.
- Ron feels it is short-sighted that the capital needs outweigh. The surplus and capital is different than capital needs from the school operating budget.
- Ron Barga and Charlie Prasuhn debated the surplus and what it should be used for.
- Mr. Riffle stated to Charlie to vote the way he feels. He needs to vote and it is a renewal levy. Mr. Riffle stated we need the support from all members of the community for the renewal levy.

25-011 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Monthly financial reports

Motion by: Tonya Wietholter, Second by: Reese Walters to approve the recommendations by the Treasurer. Motion approved.

Yea: Mr. Barga, Mr. Kammer, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Walters and Mrs. Wietholter

Nay: None

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENDATIONS

- A. Elementary January Students of the Month – Allison Horst and Ethan Hawkey
- B. Elementary February Students of the Month – Eleanor Wentworth and Kash Moneysmith

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

- A. See the Superintendent's commendations for the January and February students of the month.
- B. On January 21, the elementary staff attended Artificial Intelligence (AI) professional development. In the afternoon, the staff attended i-Ready professional development.
- C. This year the elementary partnered with Bullseye Game Lounge to reward students who are good PAX leaders. Each month the teachers give out tickets to students who exhibit the character trait of the month. On January 17, Mrs. Fourman took 23 students for pizza and unlimited games for two hours at the Bullseye Game Lounge.
- D. New this year, Officer Yount is eating pizza with six lucky students that are drawn from the tiger ticket drawing each month. Wednesday, February 5 was his first lunch with students. The students really enjoyed lunch with Officer Yount.
- E. On Friday, February 7, forty-nine students were treated to donuts for receiving straight A's for the second nine weeks.
- F. Mrs. Fourman also discussed enrollment. Kindergarten for 2025-2026 is going to have approximately 60 plus students. Open enrollment may need to be limited.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL REPORT

- A. Ansonia Early Childhood held their Valentine Day parties on February 12 and 13. Grandparents were invited to attend this year. There was an amazing turnout on both days.
- B. A list of important upcoming dates was presented.

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JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

- A. First semester state testing results came back and they were great.
- B. Second quarter honor roll information was shared.
- C. FFA member for January was Zac Jenkins.
- D. FFA member for February is Nick Barga.
- E. Ag Power Diagnostic Team took first place at the district competition on February 11 and will compete at the state contest.
- F. The FFA spring fundraiser ended the week of February 6.
- G. Congratulations to Gavin Stachler for being sectional champion in the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke. Gavin qualified for districts and swam this past Friday.
- H. Girls bowling qualified as a team for the district tournament on February 11, as did the boys' bowling team.
- I. Seventh grade boys' basketball played in the WOAC tournament semi-finals on Thursday.
- J. ROAR winners: Tesla Ferguson, Kensey Homan, Kaiden Nogler, Alice Lentz, Uzziah Hoening, Hunter Zelsnack, Bennett Lehman, Kaitlyn Tollefson, Wyatt Freels, Matt Middleton, Avin Ingle and Wyatt Ingle.
- K. Top Tigers: Jacob Schmitmeyer, Layla Ryan, Lillian Perry, Levi Black, Jake Pierre and Cainan Robinson.

25-012 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Recommend the Board approve the substitute teachers' list as submitted and updated monthly by the Darke County Educational Service Center.
- B. Recommend the Board approve Leslie Rhoades's resignation, with regret, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
- C. Recommend the Board approve the following supplemental contract for the 2024-2025 school year, contingent upon receiving the proper certification and background check:
 - 1. Clay George.....Spring Seasonal Manager (Stipend)
- D. Recommend the Board approve the following substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year, contingent upon receiving the proper certification and background check:
 - 1. Shendyl Baker.....Bus driver
 - 2. Andrea Martin.....aide
- E. Request Board approval to hire students/interns for at least a minimum of 200 working hours, retroactive January 1, 2025. Each student must work a minimum of 200 hours to get 100 percent reimbursement through the grant, up to \$5,000.00. New pay rates effective May 1, 2025.

Motion by: Clarence Kammer, Second by: Ron Barga II to approve the recommendations.

Yea: Mr. Barga, Mr. Kammer, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Walters and Mrs. Wietholter

Nay: None

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25-013 APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Recommend approval of the Board of Education/Governing Board Resolution authorizing 2025-2026 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

- B. Recommend the Board approve Volume 43 No. 2 to the Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Education. The following policies are included in this update:
 - 1. 0131.1 – Technical Corrections
 - 2. 0171 – Review of Policy (Rescind)
 - 3. 1422.01 – Drug-Free Workplace
 - 4. 2271 – College Credit Plus Program
 - 5. 2340 – Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips
 - 6. 2430.02 – Participation of Community/STEM School Students in Extra-Curricular Activities
 - 7. 2431 – Interscholastic Athletics
 - 8. 2460 – Special Education (Revised)
 - 9. 2460 – ODE (Rescind)
 - 10. 5113 – Inter-District Open Enrollment
 - 11. 5131 – Transfer Students (Rescind)
 - 12. 5136.01 – Electronic Equipment
 - 13. 5223 – Released Time for Religious Instruction
 - 14. 5330 – Use of Medications
 - 15. 5350 – Student Health, Wellbeing, and Suicide Prevention
 - 16. 5460 – Graduation Requirements
 - 17. 5610 – Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students
 - 18. 5751 – Parental Status of Students
 - 19. 5780.01 – Parents’ Bill of Rights
 - 20. 6151 – Insufficient Funds Checks
 - 21. 6460 – Vendor Relations
 - 22. 7440.01 – Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring
 - 23. 8142 – Criminal History Record Check for Contracted School Services
 - 24. 8452 – Automated External Defibrillators (“AED”) and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
 - 25. 8500 – Food Services

Motion by: Reese Walters, Second by: Tonya Wietholter to approve the recommendations.

Yea: Mr. Barga, Mr. Kammer, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Walters and Mrs. Wietholter

Nay: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS PRESENTED

- A. Enrollment Report – 2nd nine weeks
- B. Transportation Report – January 2025
- C. Capital Improvements
- D. Athletic Passes – ticket and pass information

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25-014 APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by: Clarence Kammer, Second by: Reese Walters to enter into executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel employment. Motion approved.

Yea: Mr. Barga, Mr. Kammer, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Walters and Mrs. Wietholter

Nay: None

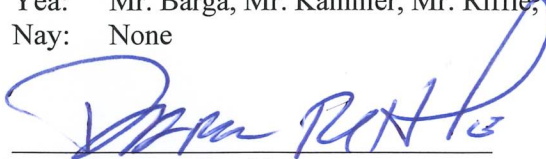
The Board returned to regular session at 8:26 pm.

25-015 APPROVAL TO ADJOURN

Motion by: Tonya Wietholter, Second by: Reese Walters to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion approved.

Yea: Mr. Barga, Mr. Kammer, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Walters and Mrs. Wietholter

Nay: None



President



Treasurer